



A monthly publication to highlight the SCOPE-OK project and our partners

#### DC or Bust - SCOPE-OK Takes on The Hill

July 11-13 our SCOPE-OK team from OFMQ traveled to Washington DC for the annual RCORP Reverse Site Visit. This is an event where we are able to connect with other RCORP grantees for networking, collaboration, and learning sessions on the latest news regarding the opioid epidemic. While celebrating five years of RCORP, we were able to meet for the first time in person our HRSA project officer and technical expert lead and so many grantees doing equally amazing work across the United States.



In addition to putting so many names with faces, we also brought back a ton of education to share with you. We sat in sessions about integration medical

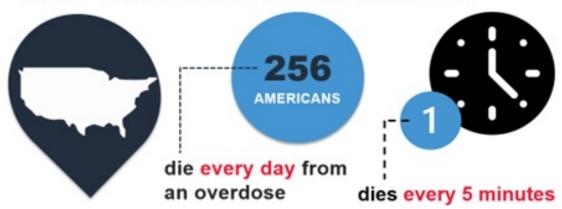
school graduates with behavioral health and addiction medicine, creative harm reduction outreach activities, reducing stigma, healing generational trauma from substance use, and more. Our team was pleased to see social determinates of health playing a larger part in substance use prevention and treatment services and to hear SAMHSA has proposed in many budgets funding to change stigmatizing language from the top down.



# FREE Naloxone and SUD Stigma Training

Did you know one American dies every five minutes from an overdose? Or that you are more likely to die as a result of an overdose than car accident or gun related crime? You can learn these things and more in our FREE certified naloxone and SUD stigma training courses! We offer 30, 60, and 90 minute presentations for both naloxone and stigma and can customize the courses to your audience's needs. SCOPE-OK also can teach a combo of both courses for CLEET mental health hours for those in law enforcement!

# American toll... more than 933,000 have died between 1999 and 2020





#### **Events**



# **OKARR Summer Shin Dig**

#### **RESCHEDULED!**

Saturday, August 19, 2023 | 10a - 4p; Andrews Park, Norman

Great community service opportunity to come hang out at a family friendly event with lots of activities! Activities include live music and dancing, stand-up comedy, recovery speakers, available Narcan, food trucks, recovery raffle, bounce houses, face painting, splash pad, games, and 20+ resource booths!

More information here!

# Free Webinar - Overdose Response Strategy

Thursday, August 24, 2023 | Speaker: Deneka Turney Cain

This session will be led by Deneka Turney Cain, JD, who is a Public Health Analyst for the CDC Foundation in Oklahoma. This session will introduce the audience to the Overdose Response Strategy and its mission. It will include national goals, as well as Oklahoma-specific data and goals to reduce or eliminate overdoses. Learn about resources and supports available to rural communities that are in place and in the works to save lives! We will discuss the ways the ORS can provide additional support and resources to local communities to combat the overdose epidemic. Our learning objectives include to understand the Overdose Response Strategy national mission and goals; learn about the Oklahoma ORS team and how it is working with partners and communities to save lives; and to understand the landscape of the overdose epidemic in Oklahoma and how the ORS is working and can partner with other to prevent overdose in Oklahoma.

# **SCOPE-OK Consortium Meeting**

Monday, August 28, 2023 | Ardmore Public Library

The overdose crisis in Oklahoma has been growing exponentially. It's crucial we do everything in our power to curb it from growing further. Let's work together to lead our communities and improve lives! SCOPE-OK meets at 10AM at the Ardmore Public Library with a zoom option available for those who cannot attend in person.

Sign up to be a part of the SCOPE-OK Consortium here!

#### Free Webinar - NEAR Science: Beyond ACEs

Thursday, September 28, 2023 | Speaker: Ellen Roberts

This session will be led by Ellen Roberts, who is the Director of Ardmore Behavorial Health Collaborative at the Lighthouse Behavioral Wellness Centers. This session will introduce NEAR Science: Beyond ACEs, which is a science-informed, evidence-based curriculum that walks people through how toxic stress and trauma affect the brain, how the impact of early adversity and trauma can be transmitted from one generation to the next, more in-depth information about the findings from the original ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) study, and how to build strength and capacity in individuals and communities. Our learning objectives include understanding the key concepts of the nervous system and how it interrelates with experiences both positive and negative and how people adapt; to understand key components of the Adverse Childhood Experiences study and how to utilize the data to support communities; and finally, to become familiar with core protective systems and the importance of communities and support.

Register Here!

Opioid Settlement Funding Spending Discretion



Many of the lawsuits filed against companies involved in the opioid overdose crisis have now been resolved. As a result, over \$30 billion in funding will be coming to states, cities, and counties over the next 18 years, with the first payments arriving in 2022. The agreements place limitations on how states and local communities can use the money with most of it being used to address the opioid overdose epidemic. To help your state and local jurisdictions use the money wisely, you can share the Primer on Spending Funds from the Opioid Litigation with your government officials to encourage appropriate use on this funding. The guide shares information on how to invest in evidence-based programs and services to address the opioid epidemic.

Contact your officials today to ensure the settlement funding is utilized!

READ MORE ABOUT THE FUNDS HERE

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